

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-18 have been rejected. Claim 19 has been objected to. Claims 9-14 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 15 and 18 have been amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits a corrected Figure 7 to replace original Figure 7. Original Figure 7 was erroneously filed instead of the now submitted corrected Figure 7. Applicant notes that original Figure 7 is identical to Figure 2, but does not match Figure 7 of the Japan Patent Application 2000-088408 to which priority is claimed. Further, the original Figure 7 does not correspond to the description in the specification on page 2, line 5 to page 4, line 8. Applicant notes that a copy of the priority document was filed on June 27, 2001. New Figure 7 corresponds to Figure 7 of the priority application Japan Patent Application 2000-088408. Because the priority document is incorporated into the specification by reference (see Application, page 1, lines 4-8), no new matter is added. Acceptance of this drawing change is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The allowable subject matter of Claim 19 is noted. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 18 from which Claim 19 depends is allowable for the reasons described below, and thus claim 19 need not be rewritten in independent form. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to Claim 19 is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-14 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Won et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,216,240). Claims 9-14 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-18, 15-16 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Won et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,216,240) in view of *Duesman* (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,695) and in view of "Applicant's admitted prior art" (APA: Fig. 7-9, specification: Pg. 3:1 – Pg. 5:1).

Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled base claim 9.
Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled base claim 17.

Applicant submits that original Figure 7 is not prior art. As noted above, original Figure 7 is identical to Figure 2 and was erroneously filed. Applicant notes that the description in specification does not describe Figure 7 as originally filed, but instead describes Figure 7 as amended and Figure 7 as filed in the Japan Patent Application from which priority is claimed. Because original Figure 7 is not admitted prior art, this Section 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant apologizes to the Examiner for this error and any inconvenience caused by this error.

Without Figure 7 as a reference, the Section 103(a) rejection reduces to the Section 103(a) rejection from the previous office action dated January 29, 2004 based on *Won et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,216,240) in view of *Duesman* (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,695). This rejection was withdrawn as noted in the current office action in paragraph number 2 on page 2.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in an allowable form, and action to that end is respectfully requested.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit in the overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing Attorney Docket No. **2102475-991110**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace Figure 7.

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure. 7. This sheet, which includes Figs. 7 - 8 replaces the original sheets including Figs. 7 - 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

